REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance, an interview, is respectfully requested, with the Examiner his supervisor, and, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, MERIAL LTD. FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP

By:

Judy Jarecki-Black, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 44,170

Tel. No. (678) 638-3805 Fax No. (678) 638-3350

Thomas J. Kowalski

Reg. No. 32,147 Deborah L. Lu

Reg. No. 50,940 Tel. No. (212) 588-0800 Fax No. (212) 588-0500